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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH D. NAJMAN, ACTING ASSISTANT

DIRECTOR GENERAL: TRAVEL OF UNESCO DG M'BOW
AND NAJMAN

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH PERMREP, D. NAJMAN GAVE
FOLLOWING AS TRAVEL ITINERARY OF DG M'BOW. DEPARTS
UNESCO, PARIS FOR PANAMA TUESDAY FEB. 9 TO ATTEND
FOLLOW-UP MEETING TO MINISTERS OF EDUCATION FOR LATIN
AMERICA UNESCO CONFERENCE, M'BOW WILL BE IN PANAMA
FROM WEDNESDAY TO SUNDAY, FEB. 15. ARRIVES NEW YORK
(WALDORF HOTEL) SUNDAY FEB. 15 TO ATTEND UN MEETING ON
RESTRUCTURING OF UN SYSTEM. REMAINS IN NEW YORK
MONDAY AND TUESDAY, DEPARTING NEW YORK WEDNESDAY FOR
PORT OF SPAIN, WHERE HE WILL REMAIN OVER NIGHT AS

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GUEST OF PRIME MINISTER. DEPARTS PORT OF SPAIN AND
ARRIVES CARACAS FEB. 19 FOR STATE VISIT. DEPARTS

CARACAS FOR BRASILIA, OR RIO, FEB. 22 FOR STATE VISIT.
RETURNS TO PARIS FROM BRAZIL MARCH 1.

2. NAJMAN WILL ACCOMPANY M'BOW TO NEW YORK AND WILL
REMAIN IN THE US FOR ABOUT A MONTH. NAJMAN WILL GO TO
WASHINGTON, D. C. MARCH 10-12 FOR MEETINGS AT WORLD
BANK. WHILE IN NEW YORK, NAJMAN WILL CONTINUE TO
REPRESENT UNESCO AT THE RESTRUCTURING MEETINGS.

3. NAJMAN IS ANXIOUS TO MEET WITH DEPT. OF STATE
OFFICIALS, PARTICULARLY TO DISCUSS PROBLEM OF US
CONTRIBUTION. PERMREP GAVE NAJMAN LATEST BLEAK PIC-
TURE CONCERNING POSSIBILITY OF ACTION THIS YEAR, BUT
HE IS STILL ANXIOUS TO MEET WITH DEPT. OFFICIALS.

4. NAJMAN SAID M'BOW IS NOT PLANNING ANY VISIT TO
WASHINGTON, BUT WOULD BE PLEASED TO MEET WITH ANYONE
IF SUCH CAN BE ARRANGED. IT IS CLEAR THAT
M'BOW HOPES TO HAVE THE OCCASION TO DISCUSS UNESCO
AFFAIRS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEPARTMENT IF SUCH
CAN BE LAID ON.

5. ON OTHER MATTERS: (A) THE WARSAW MEETING ON
HISTORIC MONUMENTS, NJMAN EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT THE
CURRENT MEETING IN WARSAW ON HISTORIC SITES AND
MONUMENTS WILL BE NON-POLITICAL. NAJMAN SAID THAT THE
SECRETARIATE HAD WORKED HARD TO KEEP POLITICAL ISSUES
OUT AND HAD ARRANGED THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS SO AS TO
HAVE A MODERATE LEADERSHIP. THE US, HE NOTED, HAS BEEN
ELECTED AS A VICE PRESIDENT AND CANADA IS CHAIRMAN OF
THE CRUCIAL DRAFTING COMMITTEE. (B) A POSSIBLE EXTRA-
ORDINARY SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE, NAJMAN SAID
THAT OCTOBER 24TH, THE DAY BEFORE THE OPENING OF THE
NAIROBI GENERAL CONFERENCE IS BEING SET ASIDE FOR A ONE
DAY EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL CONFERENCE TO VOTE SUPPLE-
MENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES. HE DID NOT QUOTE A
FIGURE BUT SAID THESE WOULD BE BASED ON INFLATION AND
DEVALUATION AND NOT ON FAILURE OF THE U.S. TO PAY
ITS ASSESSMENT. NAJMAN DID SAY THAT IF THE FINANCIAL
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SITUATION CONTINUES TO WORSEN IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO HAVE THE EXTRAORDINARY SESSION IN JUNE SO THAT BANK LOANS CAN BE TAKEN ON THE BASIS OF THE SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET THAT WILL BE VOTED. (C) UPCOMING EXECUTIVE BOARD; NAJMAN SEES THE DANGER OF MANY POLITICAL PROBLEMS ARISING, BUT STATED HE HOPES TO KEEP THE JERUSALEM ISSUE OFF OF THE AGENDA. HE SAID HE ALSO WAS TRYING TO DEVISE A FORMULA FOR AVOIDING THE ZIONISM ISSUE WHICH COULD COME UP UNDER THE USUAL CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY OTHER UN AGENCIES. HOWEVER, NAJMANSAW NO POSSIBILITY OF AVOIDING A HEAD ON CONFRONTATION ON THE EDUCATION IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES WHICH HAS BEEN POSTPONEED FROM PRIOR EXBD MEETINGS.

6. COMMENT: DEPARTMENT URGED TO MAKE GESTURE TOWARDS
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M'BOW BY ARRANGING A MEETING OR LUNCHEON WITH HIM AND WHILE HE IS IN NEW YORK. EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN

M'BOW WILL PAY DIVIDENDS AS HE IS A VERY SENSITIVE MAN.
ALSO, NAJMAN IS CLOSET CONFIDANT OF M'BOW AND TALKS WITH
HIM SHOULD PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY TO ASSESS MOOD.

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